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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOREA REPORTEDLY DESIGNATED AS FRIENDLY NATION  
BY SAUDI ARABIA

1. KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES TOLD EMBOFFS THAT KOREAN MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST HAD REPORTED SUCCESS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. THEY EXPECTED EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KOREA WOULD BE REGARDED AS FRIENDLY COUNTRY ELIGIBLE FOR CRUDE OIL LITINGS AT SEPTEMBER 1973 LEVELS. IN RETURN KOREANS HAVE AGREED TO SELL 50,000 TONS OF CEMENT BY YEAR END AND TO SUPPLY 500,000 TONS TO SAUDI ARABIA NEXT YEAR. ROKG IS WILLING TO ALLOW EXPORT OF LARGER QUANTITIES IF ARAB UNLOADING CAPACITIES PERMIT.

2. FOREIGN MINISGRY REPORTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY INDUSTRY SOURCE. HONAM OIL COMPANY WAS INFORMED BY ITS CRUDE OIL SUPPLIER, CALTEX NEW YORK, ON DECEMBER 21 THAT ARABIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED COMPANY THAT KOREA IS NOW DESIGNATED AS FRIENDLY COUNTRY. WHILE NO FIRM QUANTITATIVE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, HONAM OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT THIS MOVE  
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WILL ALLOW CRUDE OIL IMPORTS AT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY

250,000 BBLS PER DAY FROM SAUDI ARABIA ALONE. WHEN  
ADDED TO IMPORTS FROM KUWAIT THIS SHOULD ENABLE REFINERS TO  
MEET OR EVEN EXCEED PETROLEUM DEMAND.

3. NOW IN KUWAIT KOREAN  
MISSION IS DUE IN SEOUL ON DECEMBER 24.  
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